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PLANT-QUARANTINE IMPORT RESTRICTIONS

OF THE

REPUBLIC OF ARGENTINA

Paso de los Libres an Additional Port of Entry

Decree No. 116897 of October 20, 1937, designates Paso de los Libres as an additional port of entry for the introduction of plants in general, subject to the provisions of Decree No. 83772 of June 3, 1936, with the exception of sugarcane (art. 35, p. 10, B.E.P.Q.--426), cottonseed (art. 41, p. 13), potatoes (art. 59, p. 22), and grapevines (art. 60, p. 23).

Fresh fruits may enter that port only in transit to the federal capital, Buenos Aires, where they will be entered at the Federico Lacroze Station subject to the regulations governing the importation of those products (see art. 37, p. 12).

POTATOES MAKE SUBJECT TO MERCHANDISE MARKING ACT

Decree No. 116277 of October 9, 1937, effective January 1, 1938, places imported and domestic seed and consumption potatoes under the provisions of the Argentine Merchandise Marking Act (Law No. 11275) and promulgates the following regulations governing the marking of potato containers.

Potato Containers Must Meet Requirements of Law No. 11275

Article 1. From January 1, 1938, all containers of potatoes must meet the requirements established by Law No. 11275, the Merchandise Marking Act, its regulatory decrees of November 18, 1932, and November 26, 1935, respectively, and the provisions established by the present decree.

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Marking of Containers

Art. 2. Potato containers must show whether potatoes for consumption or seed potatoes are concerned, the net weight of their contents, and bear the legend "Industria Argentina" (Argentine Industry) when they are domestic products, or the name of the country of origin if imported.

Art. 3. The containers of domestic potatoes, whether for consumption or as certified seed potatoes, must indicate the locality where grown, and the latter must also bear the name of the variety of the potatoes; with respect to imported seed potatoes, the indication of the place where grown will be substituted by the name of the variety to which the potatoes belong.

Net Weight Required

Art. 4. The net weight of both domestic and imported potatoes must be marked on the containers in kilograms, a tolerance up to 2 percent being allowed between the weight marked on the containers and that due to the natural shrinkage of the product en route.

Method of Marking

Art. 5. All the legends and marks referred to in the preceding articles must be stamped, printed, or impressed clearly and legibly on the principal side of the container, namely, that bearing the name or mark of the grower or seller.

Size of Marks

Art. 6. The following scale of minimal heights is established to which the letters in the following expressions must conform: "PAPA PARA CONSUMO" (potatoes for consumption), "SEMILLA CERTIFICADA DE PAPA" (certified seed potatoes), and "PESO NETO" (net weight); 4 cm for boxes and 6 cm for bags; "ZONA DE PRODUCCION" (place where grown), and "VARIEDAD" (variety); 5 cm for boxes and 5 cm for bags; "INDUSTRIA ARGENTINA" (Argentine Industry), and "PAIS DE ORIGEN" (country of origin); 2 cm for boxes and 4 cm for bags. The numerals indicating the quantity placed after "PESO NETO" shall in no case be smaller than the letters of the words "PESO NETO."

Size of Containers for Domestic Potatoes

Art. 7. Domestic potatoes, whether for consumption or planting, shall be packed in bags of 60 kilos net or in boxes of 50 kilos net; the latter shall have a partition in the middle.

Art. 8. Imported certified seed potatoes will circulate in Argentina in the containers in which they were imported.

Prohibited Marks

Art. 9. The use is prohibited on containers of potatoes for consumption of any label, ticket, or inscription employing the words "semilla" (seed), "certificada" (certified), "seleccionada" (selected), "hija de certificado" (products of certified material), "hija de importada" (products of imported material), or any other indication, whether or not derived from the above, that might lead to confusion as to the true condition or nature of the product.

Correction

The word "or" should be inserted between the words "net weight (metric)," and "number of units" in line 6 of the second paragraph under the caption "Packing of Fruit" on page 11 of B.E.P.Q.--426. Line 6 will then read: "contents, class, variety, net weight (metric) or number of units, name and."



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